

What's Happening in Kindergarten?

No school 3/16 - 3/19

Save The Date! School Auction 3/24

details in the
school-wide Friday
post

We would love to
have kindergarten
parents help out
with the events!
There are SO many
different ways to
get involved.

Let us know if
you're interested!

Highlights from Ms. Perez & Ms. Alison's Room

This week was very exciting for the kids. We had a "sprinkle" for David and his wife, Shamila. The kids played games, a favorite was pin the pacifier on the baby, and we took the opportunity to make a 'longer/shorter' math lesson using our best guess to measure how much string we would need to go around Shamila's belly. The kids also gave name suggestions, with D.J., E-Mack and Feem-Feem coming in the top 3. ;) They were both so surprised and grateful for the gifts they were given. Thank you so much to everyone who donated; we ended up getting them the Graco car seat that they registered for. We spent time on Dreambox and everyone is making good progress. Earlier in the week the students learned about sequencing story lines. They cut out pictures of story scenes and had to glue them in the correct order. We learned about the octopus and the vampire squid. Did you know that the giant octopus lays 60,000 eggs and only 2 or 3 make it to adulthood? The vampire squid can invert itself to attract it's prey! The ocean is a fascinating place. We read the story about Humphrey the Whale, who was stuck in the San Francisco Bay. The kids were riveted! They wrote their own journal and drew a picture about Humphrey. The Crab Cab came this morning! Our friends from the Farallon Institute came with coolers of crabs to teach us all the cool things there are to know about them and their environment. Did you know that a crab can use its claws as a vice for crushing or like scissors for cutting? They can also be used like chopsticks to pick up food!

- ✓ **Our field trip to the Aquarium is next Thursday. So far we have 3 drivers. Unfortunately, if we do not get enough drivers, we will need to cancel.**
- ✓ **Please make sure your child has a water bottle at their table everyday.**

Highlights from Ms. Hope & Ms. Mayes's Room

This week we reviewed beginning and ending sounds with a fun sound segmenting game. Students identified the sounds at the beginning and end of a word by placing a bone on different parts of a dog depending on where they heard a sound in a word. This is a good visual to remind students of if you're working on sounds at home. Next week we will introduce the idea of vowels and start working on the middle sounds of words.

In math we've been working on comparing numbers. We played *Double Compare*, a game in which students draw two number cards, combine the numbers and then compare their sum with a partner to see who has more. We also played *Build It, Change It* which requires students to add/take away different amounts on a ten frame. Mrs. Mayes also taught us a fun way to think about combining numbers using Mickey Mouse ears!

In art we learned about different types of lines and continued working on our tiles for the fundraiser. Also, the Crab Cab visited us on Friday to teach us about the creatures that live in the San Francisco bay.

- ✓ **Please sign up for a Parent-teacher conference if you haven't already done so. Here is the link:**
www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0A49AFAB2FA6FE3-march
- ✓ **We have a fun opportunity to attend the Marin County Farm Day on March 22nd if we can get enough drivers. Let us know if you're able to help out!**